# Destini T. Riley

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## INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTIST

My work often explores the relationship between character, color and experience through the wide range of mediums such as animation, design, video and installation. Within every project, I am intrigued by investigating the power of expression and voice. As a Black woman raised in Durham, North Carolina, I began my research by finding ways to to bridge and comprehend my experiences with race, class, community, and culture through my creative practices.

## EDUCATION

#### The University of Michigan Ann Arbor

BFA Art and Design 2021 Concentration: Video, Animation and Graphic Design Atharva Kharkar Award recipient 2021 3.85 GPA (University Honors 2018, 2019, 2020) Study Abroad: Kyoto, Japan, May 2019 International Exhibition & Educating Elementary, Elderly and Special Need artists

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### LA Clippers

#### Jr. Motion Designer

Creating thrilling animations for Crypto.com Arena in game experiences, Jumbotron, social media and other graphic needs for the organization.

Accomplishments:

• Highlighted on NBA.com as a Game Changing Employee for Black History Month

#### Passerine

#### Art Director Assistant

Assisted in developing and implementing creative plans and goals for the department.

Accomplishments:

- Promoted from Creative Assistant to Art Director Assistant
- · Collaborated with team to plan, create, and finalize designs
- Animated and Produced design options for clients such as Microsoft, Nike, ABC, eBay and Mastercard.
- Creative lead for internal zine
- Designed and outsourced internal merchandise
- · Created pitch decks for several clients
- Edited reels for social media
- · Art directed internal photoshoots and concepts

August 2022 - Present

June 2021 - July 2022

#### Warner Media

#### **Freelance Animator**

- Animated short stories for two series of Walking the Beat
- Delivered 15 short animations

#### MACRO

#### Film and TV Development Intern

- Completed weekly script coverage
- · Collaborated with fellow interns on group pitch decks

#### University of Michigan

#### Peer Advisor

- Assisted Academic advisors
- · Led aspiring student tours and mentored peers

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- A Spectacular Black Girl Art Show, Exhibitionist 2020
- Archived in the National Smithsonian of African American History Museum 2018
- Youngest contributor to the New York Times Op-Docs 2016
- Youngest Filmmaker Magazine's "25 Faces of Independent Film" 2016
- 59th Cine Award finalist for Best Animated Film 2016

# QUALIFICATIONS

- 2D & 3D Animation and Motion Graphics
- Graphic Design
- Familiar with most computer graphic and video editing software
- Strong time management
- Creative and critical thinking skills
- Proficient in Cinema 4D, Photoshop, After Effects, Premiere Pro, InDesign and Adobe Illustrator

January 2021 - May 2021

September 2019 - May 2020